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For: METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE SET OF WINNING BIDS IN A COMBINATORIAL AUCTION

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 10, 2002

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 4 with the following:

Referring to the drawing, and more particularly to FIG. 1, there is shown a schematic diagram (10-28) of a computer implemented system for a combinatorial auction. One or more players participate in the auction. Two or more items are being auctioned. Each player uses a computer interface to interact with the auction. Each player can enter bids, and each player is informed, through the interface of the status of his or her bids. The status of a bid is "SELECTED" if the bid is in the current set of winning bids. Having a bid "SELECTED" is the combinatorial equivalent of having the current high bid in a single item auction. That is, if no additional bids are entered, the "SELECTED" bids will become the "WINNING" bids. However, if additional bids are submitted, or if the value of an existing bid is increased, a "SELECTED" bid may become "UNSELECTED," just as in a single item auction, a current high bid may be displaced